PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Shigeo Kittaka et al.

Application No.:

Unknown

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For:

PHOTONIC CRYSTAL WAVEGUIDE, HOMOGENEOUS MEDIUM WAVEGUIDE,

AND OPTICAL DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- D. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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